

**Cherokee County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
January 21, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Ethics Statement** *“Members of the County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act”.*
- III. Invocation**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance**
- V. Modification of Agenda**
- VI. Agenda Adoption**
- VII. Public Forum**
- VIII. Finance and Budget**
  - a) Budget Revision for Additional JCPC Funding (No county match)
  - b) Budget Revision for Additional Heavy Equipment Operator at Landfill
  - c) Health Department Fees
  - d) DSS Board Payments
- IX. New Business**
  - a) Tax Releases
  - b) Tax Refunds
  - c) McGill Update on EMS Station 1
  - d) Nantahala Regional Library Request to Use Remaining Budgeted Capital Funds
  - e) Hiwassee Dam VFD Facility Needs Proposal
  - f) Solid Waste Enforcement Options
  - g) Bulky, Non-Compostable Solid Waste
- X. County Manager Items**
- XI. Chairman/Commissioner Items**
- XII. Closed Session-143-318.11 (a)5(i)-To discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.**
- XIII. Open Session**

#### **XIV. Adjourn**



# CHEROKEE COUNTY

75 Peachtree Street  
Murphy, NC 28906  
825-837-5527

Randy Wiggins, County Manager  
Candy R. Anderson, Finance Officer  
Darryl Brown, County Attorney

**Board of Commissioners**  
Roy Dickey, Chairman  
C.B. McKinnon, Vice Chairman  
Dan Eichenbaum  
Cal Stiles  
Gary Westmoreland

## **BUDGET REVISION**

		1/21/2020
		(DECREASE)
		INCREASE
1020000-38592	Other CBA Revenue	14,793.00
1098501-46800	JCPC Projects	14,793.00

Additional grant funds for administrative expenses, Mountain Mediation Services, and Project Challenge (no additional county match).

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Chairperson

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1/21/2020

# Cherokee County

## NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available JCPC Funds: \$ \$85,779  
 Raise the Age Expansion Funds: \$ \$14,793

Local Match: \$ \$16,207 Rate: 20%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	New 19-20 Total DPS Funds	Original 19-20 DPS Funds	DPS-RtA Expansion Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total
					County Cash Match	Other Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/ Federal	Funds	
1	JCPC Administrative Expenses	\$5,354	\$4,741	\$613						\$5,354
2	Hawthorn Heights	\$24,362	\$24,362		\$4,872					\$29,234
3	Pacesetters Adventures	\$34,769	\$34,769		\$6,954					\$41,723
4	Project Challenge	\$22,087	\$21,907	\$180	\$4,381					\$26,468
5	Mountain Mediation Services	\$14,000		\$14,000						\$14,000
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<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$100,572</b>	<b>\$85,779</b>	<b>\$14,793</b>	<b>\$16,207</b>					<b>\$116,779</b>

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the \_\_\_\_\_ Cherokee County  
 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 19-20

Amount of Unallocated JCPC Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Unallocated RtA Expansion Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS \_\_\_\_\_

Discretionary Funds added \_\_\_\_\_

Check type: ☐ Initial plan ☐ Update ☐ Final

Chairperson, \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
 or County Finance Officer

----DPS Use Only----	
Reviewed by _____ Area Consultant	Date _____
Reviewed by _____ Program Assistant	Date _____
Verified by _____ Designated State Office Staff	Date _____

## Request for additional permanent Operators positions for the Cherokee County Landfill:

The addition of Cells 1 and 2 in the Phase 5 landfill expansion project has increased the footprint of the existing landfill from approximately 11 acres to 22 acres. In addition, a new approximate 5 acre borrow pit area will more than double the maintenance of the cover materials, storm water management and erosion control at the landfill at the completion of construction activities. Cherokee County Solid Waste will be maintaining more than 15 additional acres of recently seeded unconsolidated sediments that will require considerable erosion control to keep from washing out. The new catch basins will need regular and ongoing sediment removal when they fill in. The operators have been working many overtime hours to cover their being understaffed in multiple areas for quite some time and the job is getting bigger as the landfill grows.

Recently purchased hydroseeding and hay blowing equipment will be operated and maintained by Cherokee County Landfill Operations crew at a great savings compared to the cost of hydroseeding subcontractors, the hydroseeding activities will increase the need for additional operations staff. Erosion control in the form of maintenance of an additional 2 land bridges crossing the "Hogpen Creek" used by track-hoes and the 30 CY articulating dump truck to haul cover dirt, 6 sediment catch basins, over a half mile of stormwater control ditches, 8 areas of sediment filtration rip rap, and several areas of stormwater outfall to the Valley River or one of the river's protected Trout water tributaries are being added to the existing stormwater and erosion control activities at the landfill. There is a high level of awareness of the stormwater and sediment transport into these protected trout waters at the NC DENR Energy, Mineral, and Land Quality Section who has inspected the landfill property for sediment discharge violations with the potential for fines and Compliance Orders 3 times over the last year.

Currently there are 3 full time operators on the crew who are assisted by 2 operators who only work on 2 out of the 3 alternating weekend shifts. Operations personnel are present at each of 2 working faces of the landfill while the landfill is open to the public, 7 days a week 365 days a year, 7:30 AM till 4:00 PM weekdays, and 7:30 AM till 12:00 PM on Saturdays and Holidays. The operators also work approximately 4 hours every Sunday to compact and cover the trash brought in by the drivers on their Sunday morning green box collection runs. Note that while entry to the landfill closes to the public at 4:00 PM on weekdays, the operators work is not finished until the landfill is compacted, fully covered with tarps or soil, and the erosion control is properly maintained.

Since the initiation of the filling of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) into the new Cell 2 of Phase 5 completed in November 2019 the potential need for trucking MSW offsite for deposition was avoided. But the new cell is required to have a 5 ft thick layer of MSW containing no Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris and no lengthy, bulky, or sharp trash that could damage the new landfill liner. This is referred to as a "fluff" layer and it will be required over the complete extent of the new liner in both Cells 1 and 2 of Phase 5 of the landfill. Considering the Cherokee County Landfill accepts both household MSW and C&D waste streams, they will have to be segregated and placed at two separate working faces on the landfill until a fluff layer is completed over the entire 11 acres of new liner. It will take several years to complete that task. An additional

working face requires the presence of at least one operator at each of the two working faces to sort, and compact the trash, direct the traffic, and perform intermittent load screenings to insure compliance with the fees and sources of MSW brought into the landfill by residential and commercial haulers.

Please note that this request is not intended to unnecessarily increase the number of solid waste staff. We have reduced recycling staff and increased efficiency in the recycling bailing processes to compensate in that area. We are adding staff to the camera reviewing and warning letter preparation team to keep pace with increasing number of cameras to review. The current staff of operators are also not able to keep up with the demand of an additional working face and an increase to more than twice the area of real estate to maintain. There are unsafe conditions where operations personnel have been left understaffed or alone on Sundays that will be corrected as well as allowing for sufficient operators on Sundays to staff both working faces of the landfill.

The annualized cost to hire a new heavy equipment operator at the beginning pay plan salary is \$27,598/yr with benefits totals \$44,353/yr. Since we're a little over half way through the year, the Human Resources manager estimates the cost of \$18,480 for the remaining 5 months of FY 2020 assuming hiring an operator on February 1. We could deduct \$700 for one month of insurance which would put it at \$17,780 for the remainder of FY 2020.

Overtime for operators M. White, C. Hamby, J. Rowland, D. Cilento, and S. Robinson, over the last 6 months has totaled 475.5 hours which is the equivalent in straight time pay of  $1.5 \times 475.5 = 713.25$  hours. Only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sam Robinsons overtime was counted as the other half was spent on mechanic duties.

With one additional operator some overtime will be required for maintenance projects and emergency repairs that can't be completed while the landfill is open, so the reduction in overtime over the next 6 months with one additional operator on staff is estimated at 60% of 713.25 hours which is 427.95 hours. An entry level operator would hire on at \$13.27/hr. which is less than the senior staff's hourly rate making the following a conservative estimate.

The reduction in overtime is estimated at  $427.95 \times \$25.52 = \$10,921$

The existing operators have been asked and they are in full support of losing most of the overtime that they have been working to gain the additional help that they need at present and in the foreseeable future.

Deducting the expected savings in overtime from Human Resources estimated cost for another operator over the next 6 months is  $\$17,780 - \$10,921 = \$6,829$ . The expected additional annualized cost to add one operator to the FY2021 budget will be  $\$44,353 - (2 \times \$10,921) = \$22,571/\text{yr}$ .

In order to be fully staffed and able to keep up with the demands itemized in the preceding text 1.5 to 2 operators would be sufficient additional staffing for the landfill operations team.

Cherokee County Solid Waste is currently requesting the addition of one qualified equipment operator to the existing staff. No additional equipment is expected to be required for one additional operator at this time.

There is an added benefit of safety and the ability of the existing operators to take some well-deserved time off to remain healthy and functioning at their top potential, one of the current on staff operators has been working with only one day off a month for the last two months. The safety of the operators, compliance with the sediment control directives of DENR to protected trout waters, and the erosion control to maintain compliance with the Landfills operating Permit are all valid driving forces behind this request.

Matthew White, Sr. Operator and Rob Ward, Landfill Director will be at the Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to answer any questions that the Commissioners may have on this request.

Thank You,

Rob Ward P.G., Director  
Cherokee County Solid Waste  
[robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov](mailto:robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov)  
Office 828-837-2621  
Cellular 828-361-6914

CPT	Vaccine	Cost	BCBS	Crescent	Admin	Proposed Fee
90738	Japanese Encephalitis	\$296	260.98	161.8	\$15.00	\$311.00
90675	Rabies PrEP	\$285	294.53	208.22	\$15.00	\$300.00
90691	Typhoid	\$110	89.73	76.24	\$15.00	\$125.00



**CHEROKEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
REQUESTS FOR RELEASE**

**12/31/2019 thru 01/14/2020**

<b>Taxpayer Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Bill#</b>	<b>Tax Amt</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Davenport, Jimmy J	2019	8177	2.08	Sold prior to 01/01/2019. No longer owns, per signed Affidavit
Circle W Livestock LLC	2019	37947	63.69	This business has no assets
Car Catalog Inc	2019	4962	4.69	Business has been closed for 3 years. All assets removed
Hardin, Glen C	2010	13363	2.83	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2011	13554	2.83	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2012	14750	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2013	13958	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2014	14050	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2015	14025	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2016	14161	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2017	14318	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2018	14318	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Hardin, Glen C	2019	14309	3.82	Deceased 12/05/1996. No estate-Uncollectible boat/motor
Flagg, Douglas & W/Flagg Debra	2018	15826	64.57	Boat tax. All property in Chero Co sold in 2017.
Flagg, Douglas & W/Flagg Debra	2019	11248	69.34	Boat tax. All property in Chero Co sold in 2017.
Giannacco, Michael A	2012	12939	29.57	Deceased 04/03/2012-URMV tax-no estate-uncollectible
Giannacco, Michael A	2013	12141	30.04	Deceased 04/03/2012-URMV tax-no estate-uncollectible
Dockery, Jerry	2019	9225	105.32	Double billed to 47935
Dockery, Jerry	2018	21473	107.26	Double billed to 47935
Allen, Manker L	2019	555	18.22	1975 Sears 14' & 1983 Aquapatio 24' both gone prior to 2018
Allen, Manker L	2018	15403	16.84	1975 Sears 14' & 1983 Aquapatio 24' both gone prior to 2018
Edwards, David Stanley Jr	2019	10037	103.12	SWMH Double billed to 28080
Edwards, David Stanley Jr	2018	8158	104.98	SWMH Double billed to 28080
Edwards, David Stanley Jr	2017	10046	107.03	SWMH Double billed to 28080
Edwards, David Stanley Jr	2016	9926	109.19	SWMH Double billed to 28080
Edwards, David Stanley Jr	2015	9786	171.63	SWMH Double billed to 28080

**TOTAL RELEASES REQUESTED**

**1,143.79**

RUN DATE: 1/15/2020 8:26

CHEROKEE COUNTY REFUND REPORT

NAME	BILL NUMBER	AMOUNT	OPER	DATE TIME
440045085808 BENN VICTOR G & W/ BENN GAIL J 286 MCCOMBS ROAD  MURPHY, NC 28906	2019-2541	RP: 551103248942000  TAXPAYER ALREADY PAID  COVIUS MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS REFUND RECIPIENT: COVIUS MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS ATTN: MARY RICHARDSON 12410 E MIRABEAU PKWY STE 100 SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99216	2,030.65  EVELYN	1/8/2020 9:22:08 AM
40554 BLACK DALE E SIMONS JOHN E 36 WILD COUNTRY LN  MURPHY, NC 28906	2019-2892	RP: 459004615341000  OVERPAID  PD BY VISA REC# 390468601 REFUND RECIPIENT: DALE E BLACK	38.91  HUGO	1/2/2020 2:44:31 PM
20095 BOULEY SCOTT J & W/ BOULEY W SUSAN 5735 18TH AVE EAST  BRADENTON, FL 34208	2019-3314	RP: 453200938427000  ALREADY PAID BY CLOSING ATTORNEYS  PD BY COWAN & RODRIGUEZ 12/30/19 REFUND RECIPIENT:	510.13  DEBORAH	1/3/2020 8:46:25 AM
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267 VISTA HILLS RD

ALREADY PD BY ESCROW

MURPHY, NC 28906

ALREADY PAID  
REFUND RECIPIENT: PENNYMAC  
LOAN SERVICES  
ATTN:TAX DEPT  
6101 CONDOR DRIVE SUITE 200  
MOORPARK CA 93021

660070104145

2014-6284

RP: 454400526803000

36.00

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COLE JULIE DEAN

NO BALANCE ON THIS ACCOUNT

1137 OLD FORGE ESTS

HIAWASSEE, GA 30546

NO VALID ACCT  
REFUND RECIPIENT:

22685

2019-7737

RP: 451000655465000

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CROWE ROBERT STEPHEN

OVERPAID

208 OLD FAIN RD

MURPHY, NC 28906

APPALACHIAN LAND CO CK 27819  
REFUND RECIPIENT: APPALACHIAN  
LAND CO  
5510 WEST US 64  
MURPHY NC 28906

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2019-9767

RP: 459217119326000

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DUNCAN OIL CO

OVERPAID

PO BOX 600

MURPHY, NC 28906

REFUND RECIPIENT:

1294

2019-11593

RP: 457500931454000

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FOWLER CHARLES &

FOWLER VICKY

1915 CREAT TRAIL SE

OVERPAID

SMYRNA, GA 30080

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36133 FRADY JEFFERY	2019-11644	RP: 446900087876000	144.97	EVELYN	1/6/2020 9:11:38 AM
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96 RAPER MILL CREEK DR  
MURPHY, NC 28906

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REFUND RECIPIENT: CORAL FRADY  
240 RAPER MILL CREEK DR  
MURPHY NC 28906

440044088496 HAIGLER JOHNNY M % SUE ANN CHASTAIN 40 TOBE STALCUP RD	2019-13789	RP: 550104948467000	35.00	HUGO	1/13/2020 11:00:20 AM
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MURPHY, NC 28906

ACCOUNT ALREADY PAID IN FULL

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CHASTAIN  
40 TOBE STALCUP RD  
MURPHY NC 28906

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MURPHY, NC 28906

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PAID BY SELLER  
REFUND TO BUYER

MARBLE, NC 28905-8202

ALREADY PAID  
REFUND RECIPIENT: JERRY  
RIDDLEBARGER  
38 FALLS RD  
ANDREWS NC 28901

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SHIELDS LYNN LEWIS &  
  
871 CULBERSON RD  
MURPHY, NC 28906

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TAXPAYER  
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MURPHY, NC 28906

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MURPHY, NC 28906

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871 CULBERSON RD  
MURPHY, NC 28906

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871 CULBERSON RD  
MURPHY, NC 28906

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SWANSON ROGER W & W/  
WELLS BRIAN & W/ CHEREE  
PO BOX 1505  
MURPHY, NC 28906

ALREADY PAID

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REFUND RECIPIENT: CHEREE  
WELLS  
P.O. BOX 1505  
MURPHY NC 28906

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22626	2019-36691	RP: 551103204827000	1,021.26	EVELYN	12/31/2019 8:51:48 AM
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WILLE JAMES P & W/  
WILLE TERRY E  
1330 SE 14TH CT

ALREADY PD BY MORTGAGE CO

DEERFIELD BCH, FL 33441-

PAID BY MORTGAGE CO  
REFUND RECIPIENT:

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TOTAL REFUNDS PRINTED:	7,499.92
TOTAL VOID REFUNDS:	0.00
TOTAL:	7,499.92

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Randy Wiggins  
County Manager  
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
75 Peachtree Street  
Murphy, NC 28906

To Randy Wiggins and the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners,

I want to begin this letter by thanking you and the Commissioners for your generosity this year in funding our public libraries. My appreciation goes without hesitation.

During the last budget cycle, Cherokee County approved to appropriate \$11,000 for half of an estimated HVAC two-system replacement at the Murphy Public Library. The Town of Murphy agreed to appropriate the remaining half in the amount of \$11,000. We hired Mundy's Heating and Cooling to perform the repair. During the replacement, the technician at Mundy's realized that they ordered two identical units (as we were quoted) and made the discovery that we only needed one of the units and that our other HVAC unit was actually newer and only needed a leak repaired. The two separate invoices show that one unit was replaced and the second is the repair and additional equipment and electrical work needed for the replaced unit. The total for these invoices is \$15,446 with Cherokee County responsible for half which is \$7723. This leaves a combined balance of \$6,554 (\$3277 belonging to Cherokee County after dividing the invoices between the two entities).

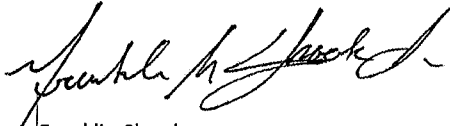
I would like to request with permission from the Commissioners that Nantahala Regional Library be allowed to use the remaining balance of this budget to purchase 144

fixtures at an estimated cost of \$6,480 and use the remainder for project accessories (like wire nuts). It came to my attention that our current fluorescent bulbs are going out of production and our options are to either rebuild or replace. After doing a cost analysis, I have determined that it is much more affordable to replace these lights with LED panels. Not only is this half the cost of replacing with another fluorescent fixture but, it uses about 33% of the electricity compared to what we currently have running. If you do a return on investment on the savings, these lights will pay for themselves in a little over a year. This doesn't take into consideration the costs saved from not having to purchase and change bulbs. This purchase will get us started on replacing our bad fixtures and focusing our attention on all public facing areas. Please note that this will not replace all of our fixtures in the building. We need about 90 additional fixtures to replace all our panel lights.

I hope that the commissioners will be willing to allow the use of these funds for this. The Town of Murphy already approved their portion of the balance at their January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We look forward to growing our relationship with you in the coming year!

Have a Wonderful Day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin Shook", written in a cursive style.

Franklin Shook



## Randy Wiggins

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**From:** Franklin Shook <fshook@nantahalalibrary.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** Randy Wiggins  
**Subject:** Re: Nantahala Regional Library Capital Outlay

Randy,

My plan is to take the remaining combined balance of \$6,554 and purchase 144 2x2 LED Lights at an estimated cost of \$6,480. I will use the remainder for needed accessories like wire nuts. For the entire building, we actually need 234 total light fixtures. My plan is to replace all non-working lights and as many public facing fixtures as possible. Is there anything additional that I need to add to this? The Murphy Town Council already approved our use of their remainder of \$3277 last night so we will only be discussing Cherokee County's portion of \$3277.

Feel free to let me know what you think and I will add to the letter.

Have a wonderful day!

Franklin

**Franklin R Shook Jr.**

Director

Nantahala Regional Library

11 Blumenthal St.

Murphy, NC 28906

828-837-2025

[fshook@nantahalalibrary.org](mailto:fshook@nantahalalibrary.org)

<http://www.youseemore.com/Nantahala/default.asp>

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 9:26 AM Randy Wiggins <[randy.wiggins@cherokeecounty-nc.gov](mailto:randy.wiggins@cherokeecounty-nc.gov)> wrote:

Frank,

It would be helpful I think to include in your letter something detailing the total number of fixtures/bulbs to be replaced and the total estimated cost and to show that both the County and the Town would again be sharing in this cost. From the letter it is assumed that the total lighting cost will be appx. \$6,554 (the balance of the \$11,000 from both the County and the Town). Having this stated specifically and supported with detail on the project cost will better support your request to both Boards.

# INVOICE

**DATE**

12-19-2019

**INVOICE NO**

2726404/2547345

Nantahala Regional Library  
11 Blumenthal St.  
Murphy, NC 28906

**INVOICE TO**

Cherokee County Finance  
Candy Anderson  
75 Peachtree St.  
Murphy, NC 28906

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	7.5 ton heat pump system.	10872.10	10,872.10
	Electrical to install new system, repair of Existing system.		4573.90

Subtotal	15,446.00
Sales Tax	
Total	15,446.00

\*Cherokee County pay one half: \$7723.00



Mundy's Heating & Air, Inc.  
14120 W US Highway 64, Murphy, North  
Carolina 28906 United States

Invoice 2726404  
Invoice Date 11/21/2019  
Completed Date  
Customer PO

**Billing Address**  
Nantahala Regional Library  
11 Blumenthal St  
Murphy, NC 28906 USA

**Job Address**  
Nantahala Regional Library  
11 Blumenthal St  
Murphy, NC 28906

**Description of Work**

Task #	Description	Quantity	Your Price	Your Total
C190010	Price includes all electrical to install new system, repair of existing system that was to be changed and restocking fee of equipment that was not used.	1.00	\$4,573.90	\$4,573.90

**Sub-Total** \$4,573.90  
**NC State 4.75%** \$0.00  
**Cherokee County 2.25%** \$0.00  
**None 0%** \$0.00  
**Total Due** \$4,573.90  
**Balance Due** \$4,573.90

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# HIWASSEE DAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

PO BOX 1109 MURPHY, NC 28906 828-644-9032

January 13, 2020

Mr. Randy Wiggins, County Manager

Cherokee County

75 Peachtree Street

Murphy, NC 28906

Randy,

This is the official request from Hiwassee Dam VFD to Cherokee County requesting a building swap to accommodate our need to expand. We have been looking to expand our square footage for the station on Highway 294 for quite some time. We have explored expanding our current building, constructing a new building on the land near the baseball field, purchasing land near the current station for new construction and even working out a swap with Cherokee County for CCEMS Station 3. Each of these avenues have met difficulties. Any approach that includes a totally new station came with a price tag of greater than \$1,000,000. Our footprint cannot be enlarged at the current station due to physical constraints of being wedged between the creek and the sewer drainage area for the school. If we tried to renovate our current station for 24/7 occupancy by EMS crews, we would be required to add sprinklers which would add at least \$250,000 to the cost. After careful review, it was suggested that we approach the county seeking to trade our station for the community center. This idea seemed to be the most reasonable option.

If this option is approved by the county commission, it would be a multi-level project. The project would consist of the following:

- 1- The current fire station would be remodeled to accommodate both the community center as well as the senior nutrition program. The building would have additional restroom facility added, as well as a kitchen. We would also enclose the floor drain, remove the roll up doors and have them framed in with windows and a new front entrance. We would add HVAC to make sure the entire building would be climate controlled and add a drop ceiling. This would be done at our expense.
- 2- We would construct an 80x100 building on the lot just north of the community center (directly behind station 3) that would consist of 5 double depth, drive through truck bays. This building would connect via breezeway to the current community center building, which we would

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perform necessary remodel to accommodate our need for larger training facility with increase storage for our turnout gear, radios, etc. It would also allow us to construct more offices to allow us to better keep our records secure. Currently, there are many FD records being stored in the homes of members, which can lead to issues, but we do not have the space to keep these at the station.

- 3- The 14x60 addition that is currently attached to the community center would be removed and taken to the Violet community to be erected on land donated by the Murphy family to allow us to create a presence in that community so the residents will be able to secure homeowners insurance at a protection class 5 instead of the current protection class 10.

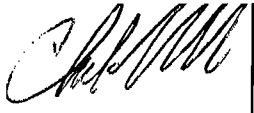
This entire project will be totally paid for from our budget, which will require financing. The estimated cost to complete all of these projects is \$650,000. We feel this will leave all involved parties with ample, useable space.

Please relay to the commissioners that you and I have taken the time to meet with Ray Hamby who hosts the "Friday Night Opry" at the community center as well as Jane Stiles, who is the community club president and both have relayed to us that they have no issue with this swap. The only thing requested by Jane was that we make it look good, which is not an issue. We have also met with Brian Dillon, Justin Hamby and Denise Cross and each of these folks were in favor of this project as well.

As you already know, per our many conversations, we cannot think about a project this size without a slight increase in our income. I know many other VFDs have approached the commissioner in regards to an increase, promising a lowered protection class rating in return. I guess we put the horse before the cart in that we have already lowered our rating not once but twice without an increase. We are currently rated at a protection class 5 which means we have saved our homeowners thousands in insurance premiums as a result. There are no state agencies that track the total savings, but it is estimated, based on land values, to be in the \$350,000-\$500,000 range. We are seeking a \$50,000 increase to allow us to be able to make the payment on the new project while also maintaining our status as a fire department. We have taken on additional roles with the closing of Cherokee County Rescue Squad and, if this project is approved, we will be operating 4 stations, which is almost like saying we operate 4 separate fire departments. There are also other issues facing not only Hiwassee Dam, but other departments as well. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency ) or, as I like to refer to them (Not For Practical Application) has suggested that every piece of turnout gear be replaced every 10 years, regardless of the condition it is in. They also suggest every tire on every truck be replaced every 10 years as well. The cost to outfit a firefighter with full gear is roughly \$7,000 and the truck tires can range from \$800 to over \$4000 depending on size and number of tires. While NFPA is a voluntary standard, it is also the standard used by attorneys if we have someone get injured or a truck involved in a crash. Out of compliance equals open the checkbook.

Please share this with the county commissioners and, if there is some measure of acceptance by them, we will hold our community meeting to lay out this project to our taxpayers, followed by an official presentation of our requests at a commission meeting. Thank you for all you have done in helping jumpstart this project. Our intent is to complete this project in the calendar year 2020. We realize this is revaluation year, but our hope is to seek an adjustment that can net \$50,000 regardless of the land values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chad McNabb', followed by a vertical line.

Chad McNabb, Chief